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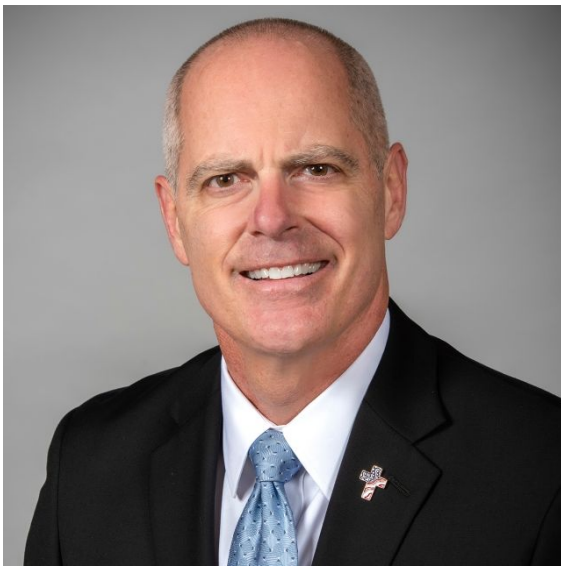
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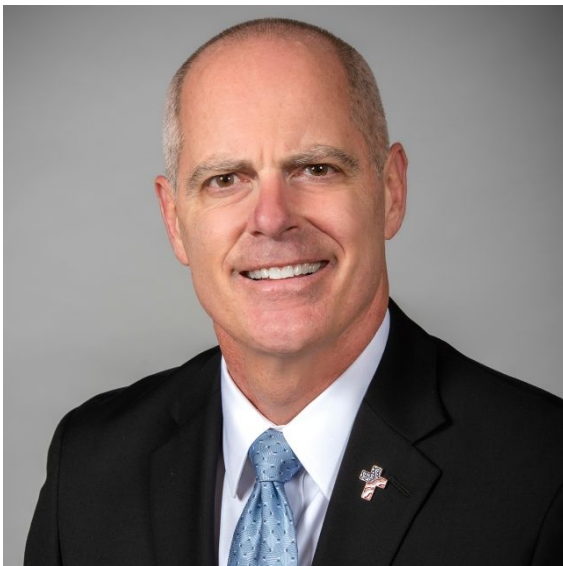


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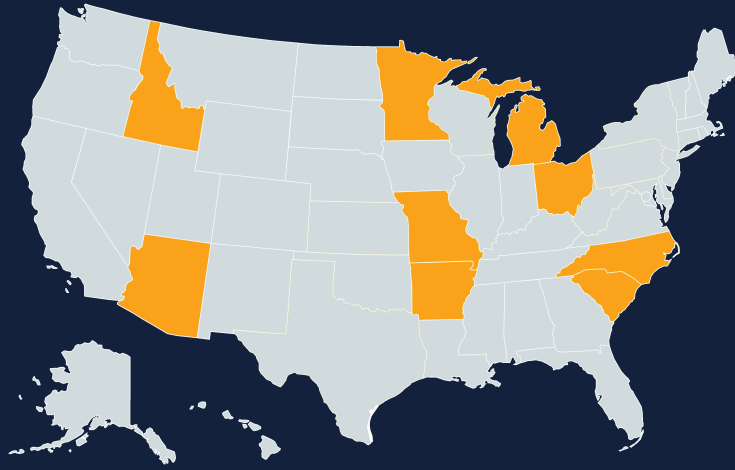
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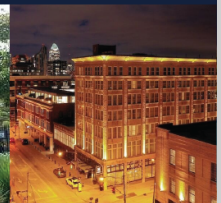
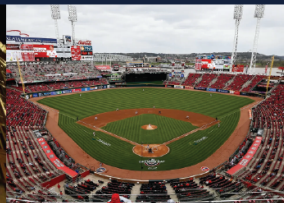
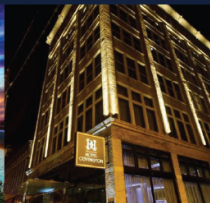
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Dear Chris,

I regularly hear from school board members who want to make meaningful reform in a school district, but they meet opposition from the education establishment, who claim that research studies argue against making necessary changes. Very often, opponents

of reform use “the research” as a rhetorical cudgel, without having actually studied it, or any countervailing arguments against it, in any depth.

To support right-thinking school board members and partner organizations, SBAE has created a library of [Relevant Research](#) in support of meaningful reform.

This page features a highly curated list of academic studies and education policy commentaries. It is organized by topic, with a clickable table of contents at the top, brief descriptions of each study, and a link to the originals. It is also linked to in the top menu of the [SBAE homepage](#) (on the far right) for your convenience.

Our hope is that these studies will help school board members make the case for reform and for all of us to have a fuller understanding of the latest thinking on a variety of important topics.

If you know of a helpful study that you don’t see included, please send it my way. Likewise, if you need help finding a study on a topic that is not listed here, please let us know, and we will search for one. Together, we can grow this library to be one of the best available anywhere.

Thank you, as always, for helping us grow and equip the SBAE network!

Gratefully,

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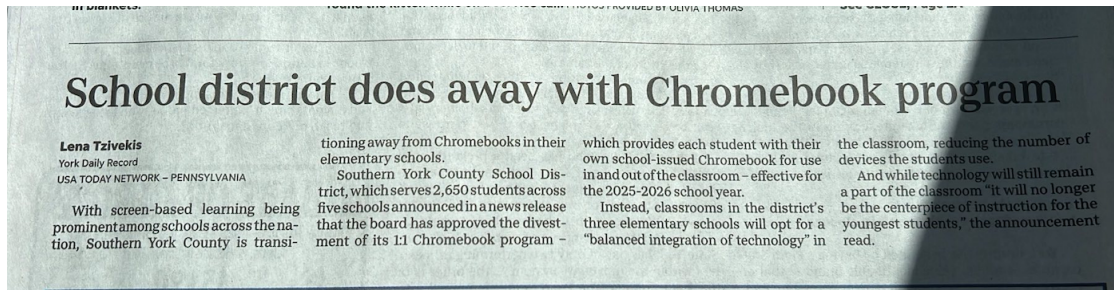
This week's "Excellence in the States" spotlight features a groundbreaking policy enacted by a Pennsylvania school board with the support of the Pennsylvania School Directors Coalition.

SBAE and our network partners have been sounding the alarm on the over proliferation of education technology and screen-based learning for years. In fact, the above mentioned Relevant Research page of our website features studies highlighting these concerns. Most recently we featured this [article](#) by leading cognitive scientist Paul Kirschner on the ineffectiveness and even detrimental effects of screen-based learning, as demonstrated in a new study.

Now, a school board supported by the Pennsylvania School Directors Coalition (PSDC) has taken action to rein in the overuse of education technology.

Earlier this month, Southern York County School Board in Pennsylvania voted to end 1:1 Chromebook use in grades K-4. The Board cited growing evidence that students learn better from old-fashioned paper and pencil and printed text, as well as the troubling amount of time students spend looking at screens.

PSDC, led by Christina Brussalis, advocates for limiting screen-based learning and provided support to the Southern York County School Board as they considered the best path forward. PSDC also worked with SBAE to help attain local media coverage of this important reform.



Hopefully, this is only the beginning of a nationwide movement to reevaluate the use of technology in schools, and school boards will be at the forefront of these reforms.

If your district is interested in tackling this problem, and raising student achievement in the process, reach out to SBAE, and we will connect you with the information you need and your state network partner organization to help you get the job done.

Has your organization found great success with one of your programs? We'd love to spotlight it nationwide. Email cristine@sbaenetwork.org to share.



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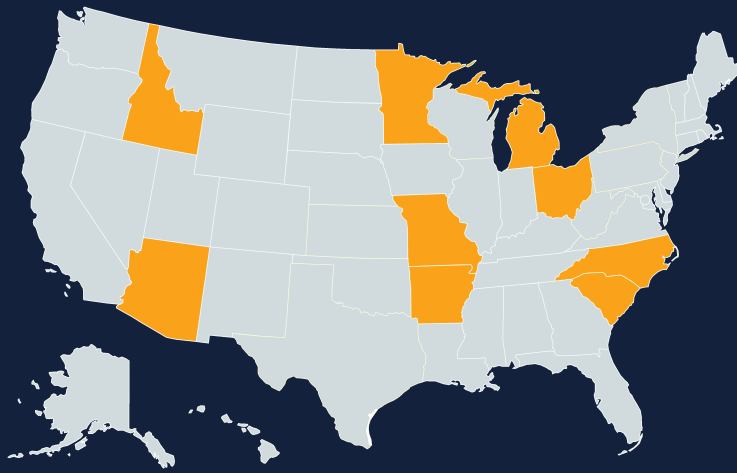


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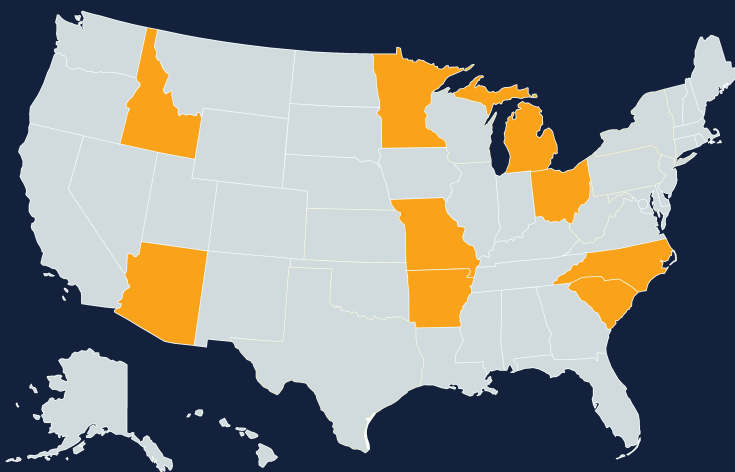
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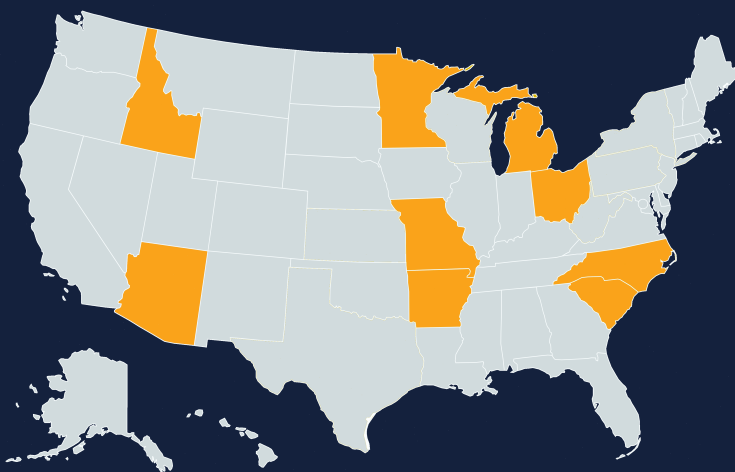
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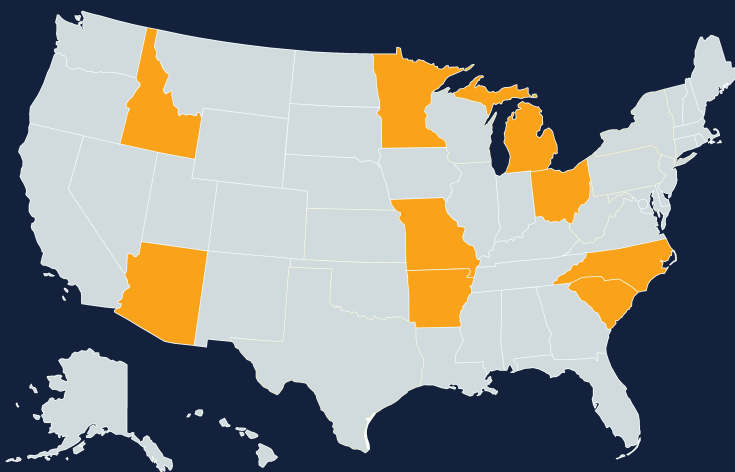
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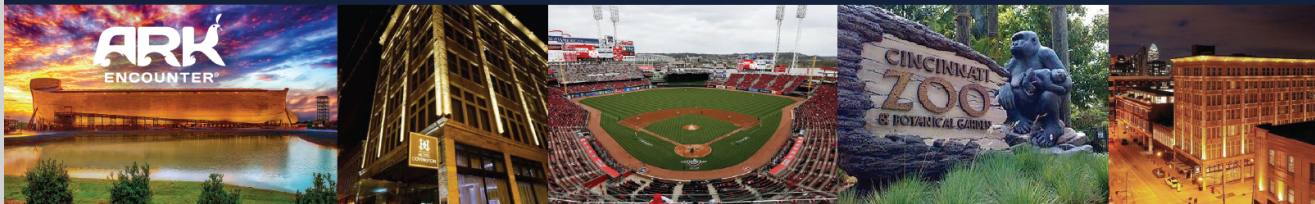
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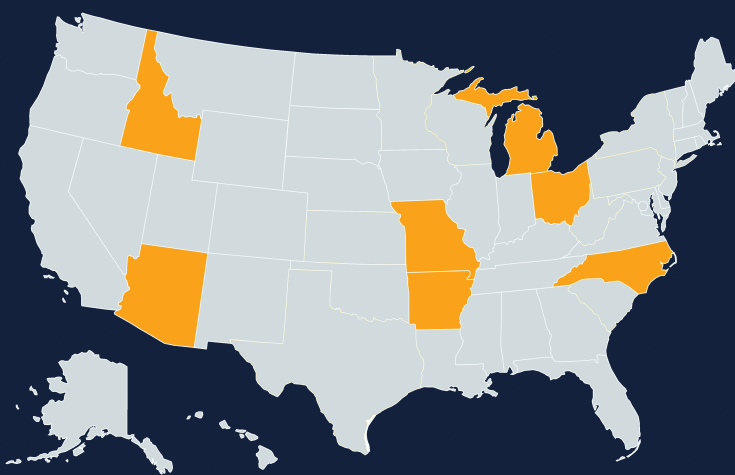
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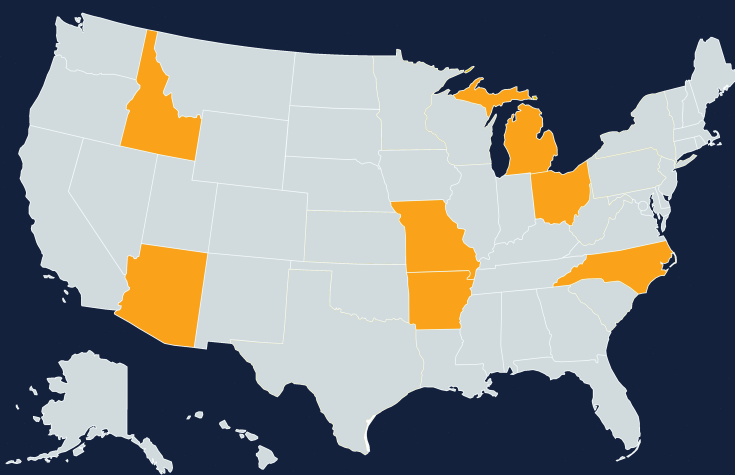
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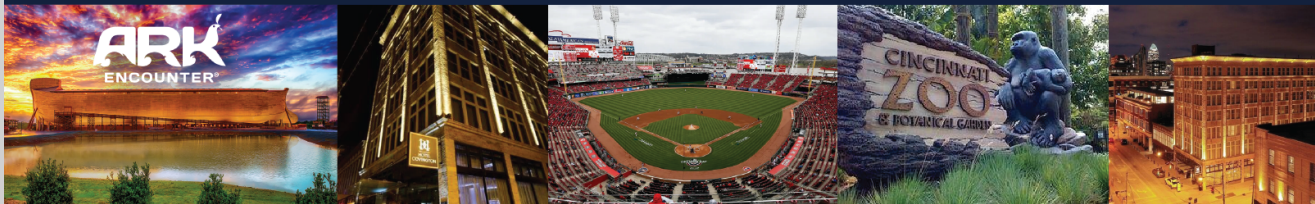
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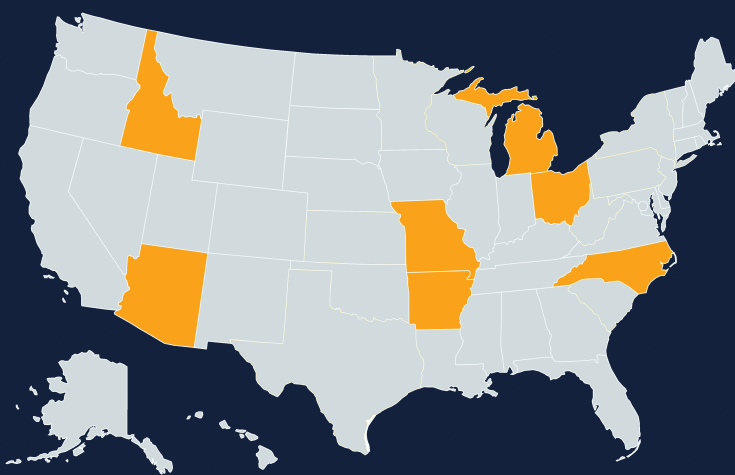
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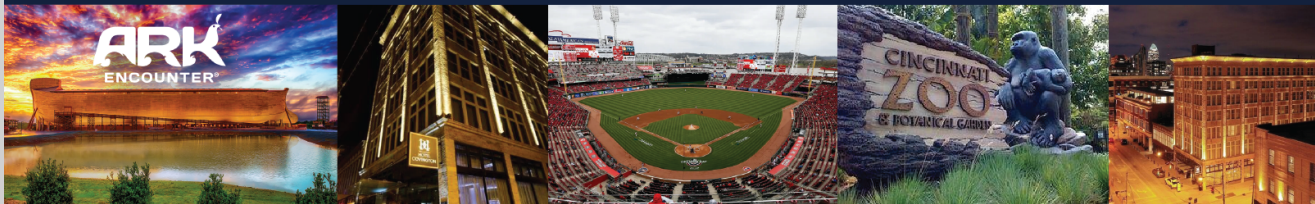
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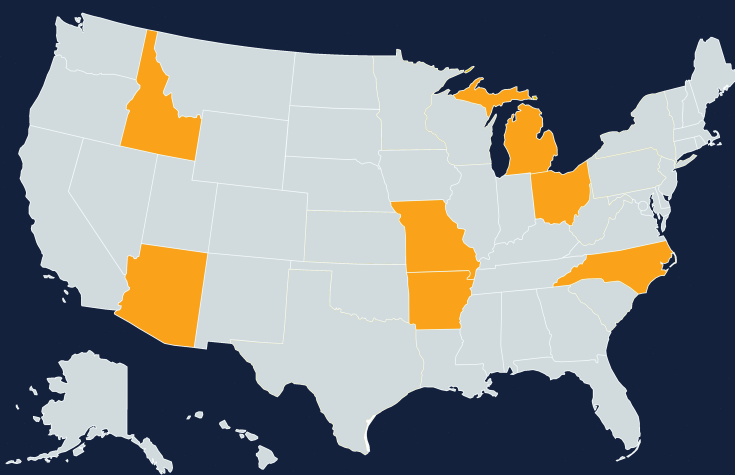
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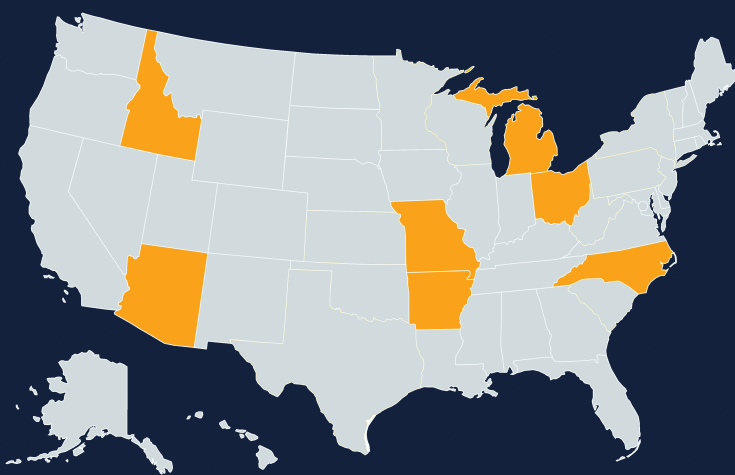
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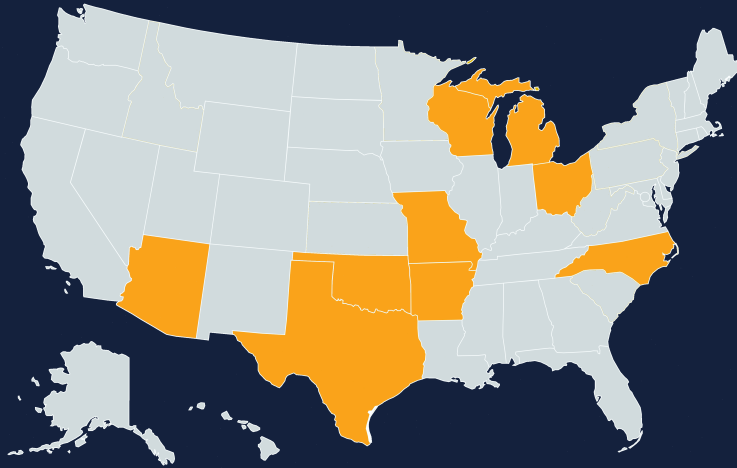
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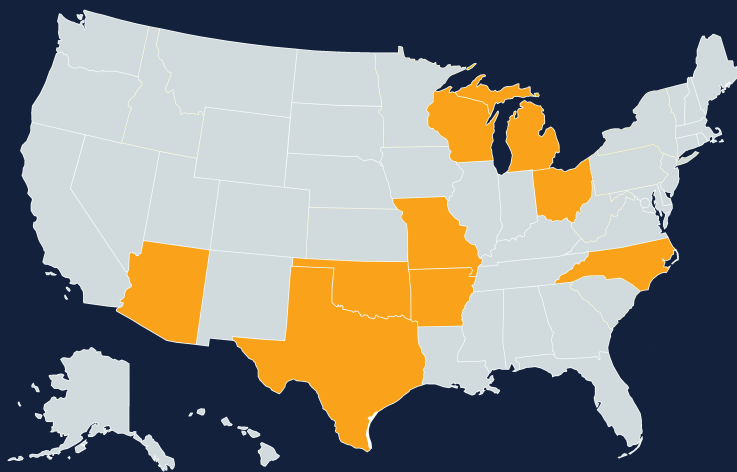
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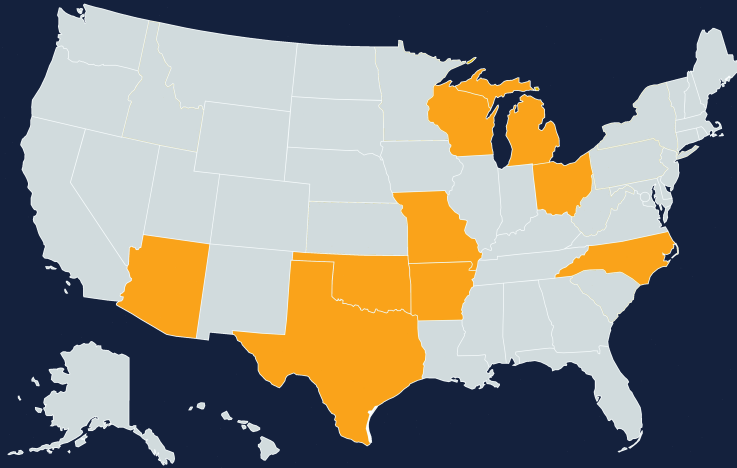
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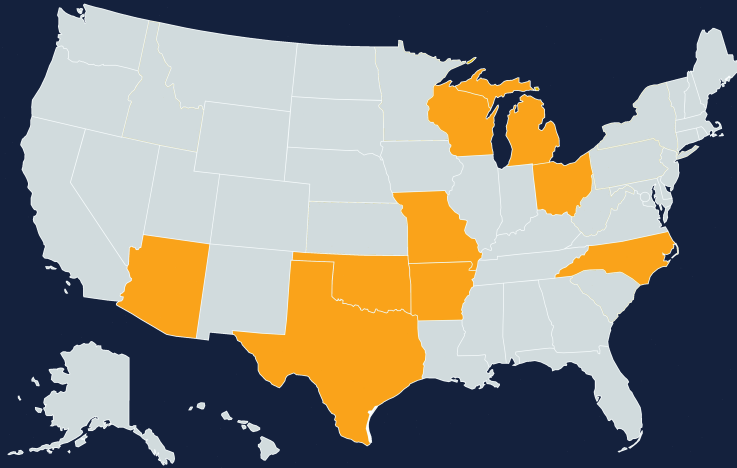
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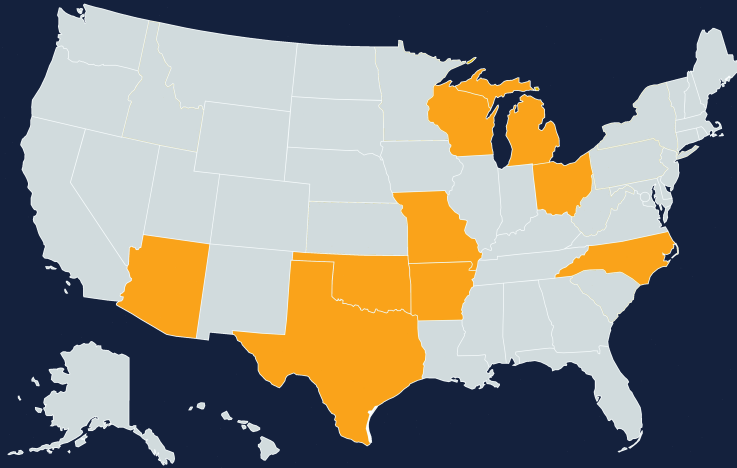
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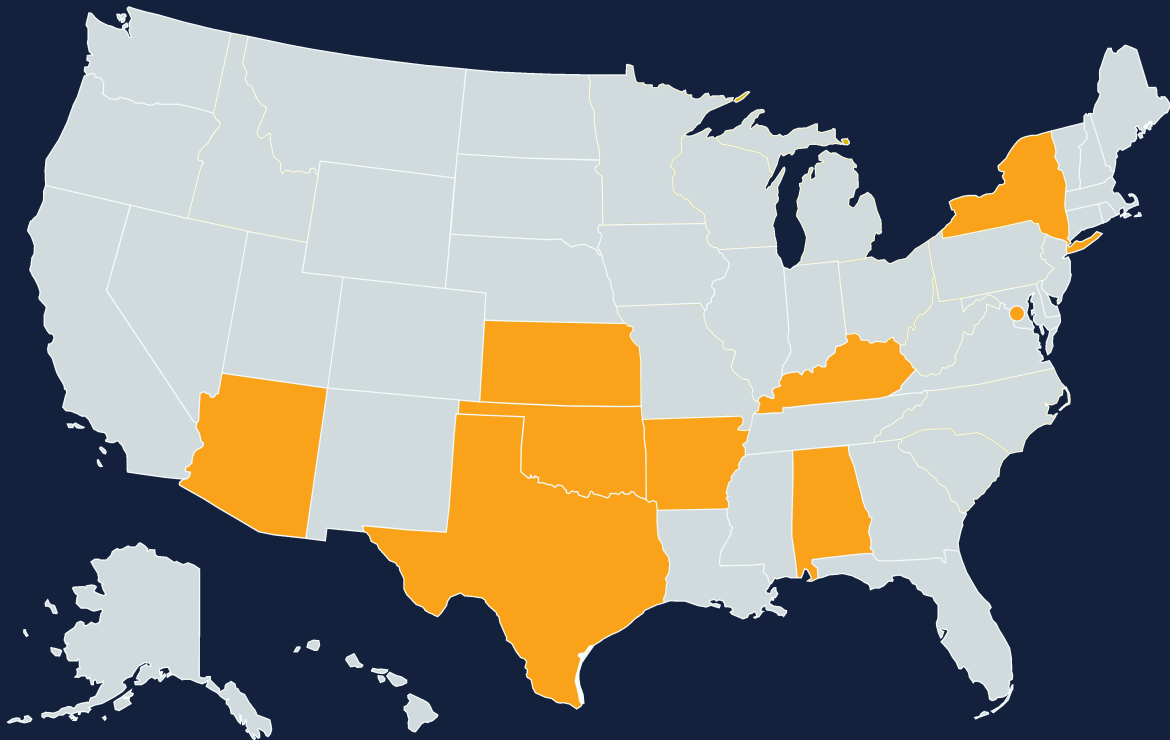
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To get a copy of any of the presentations, simply reply to this email, and let me know which of [these sessions](#) you would like to have a copy of.

In addition to the many great lectures on curriculum, instruction, administration, and governance, we also launched SBAE's new [Services Page](#) at the conference.

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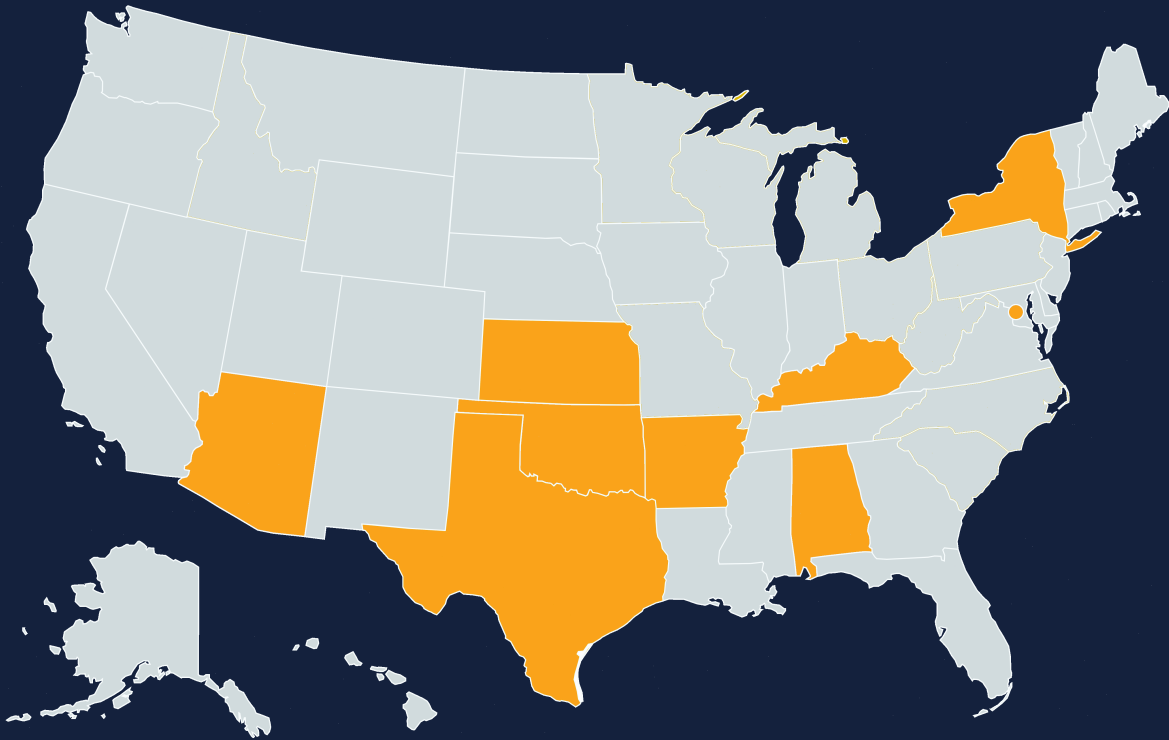
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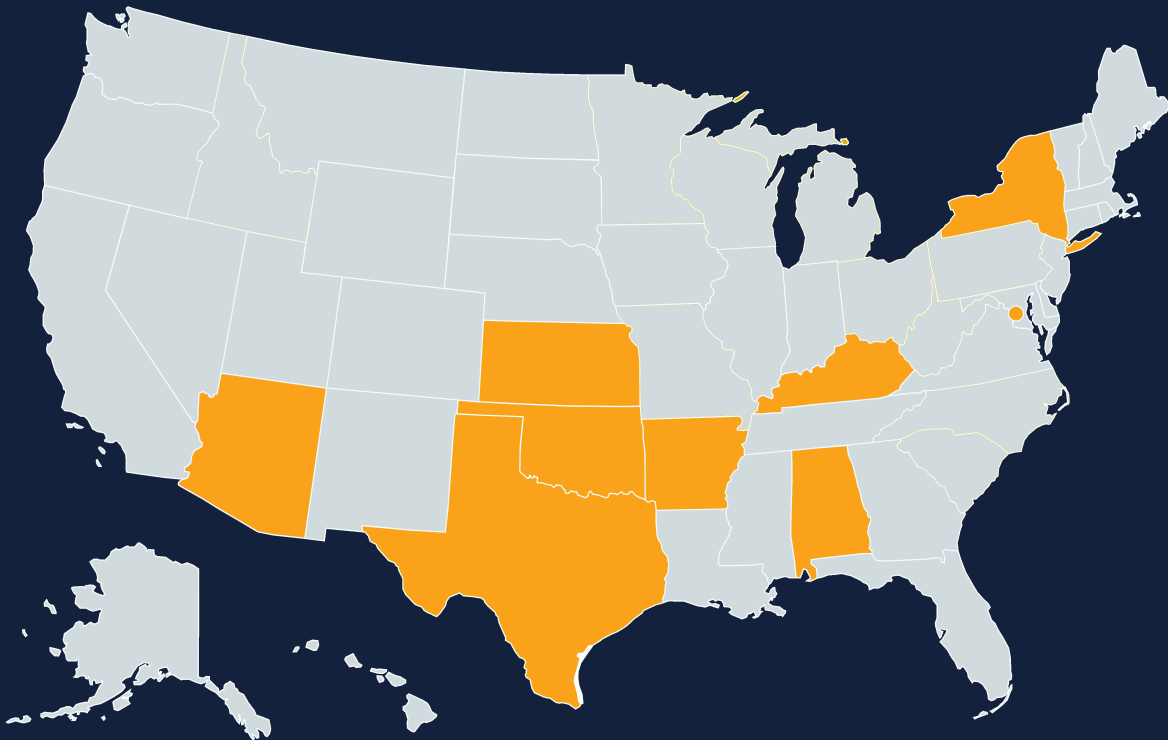
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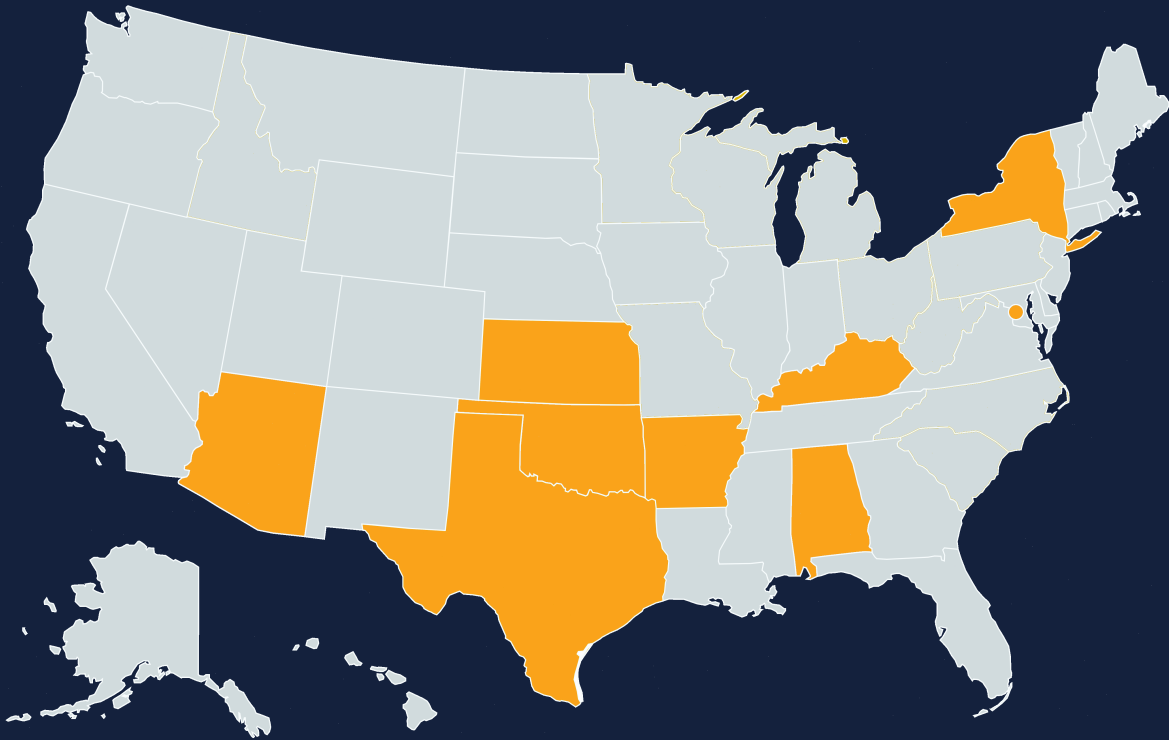


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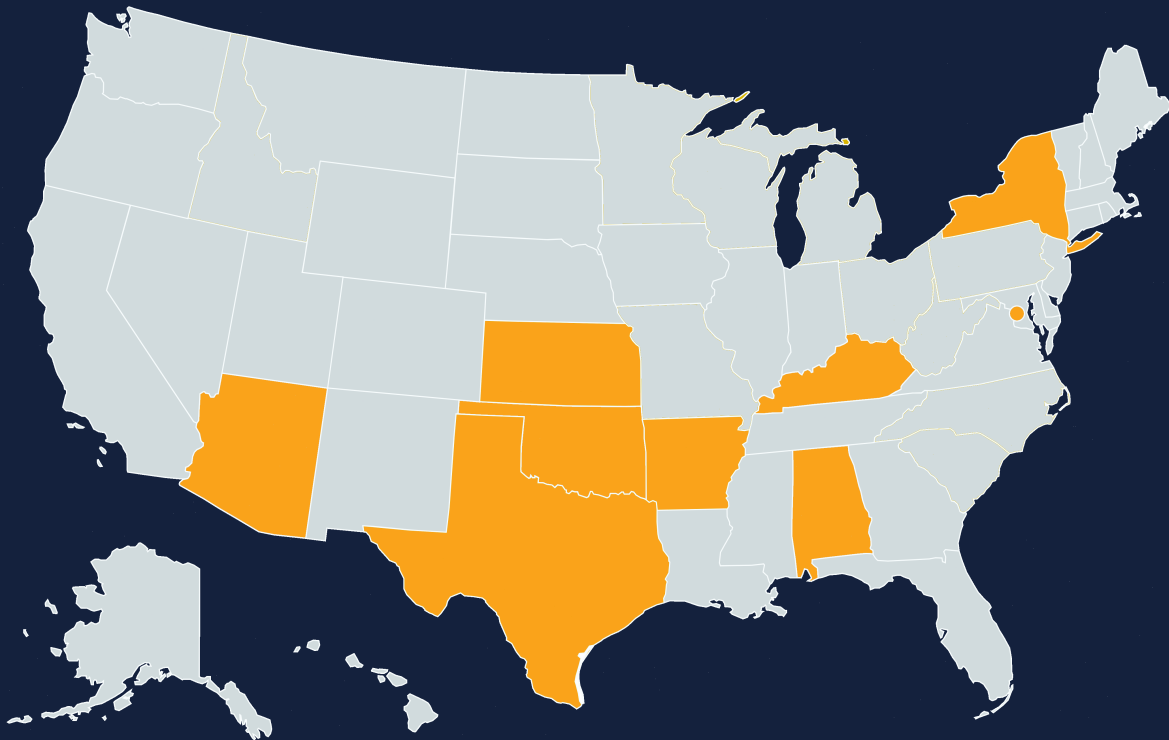
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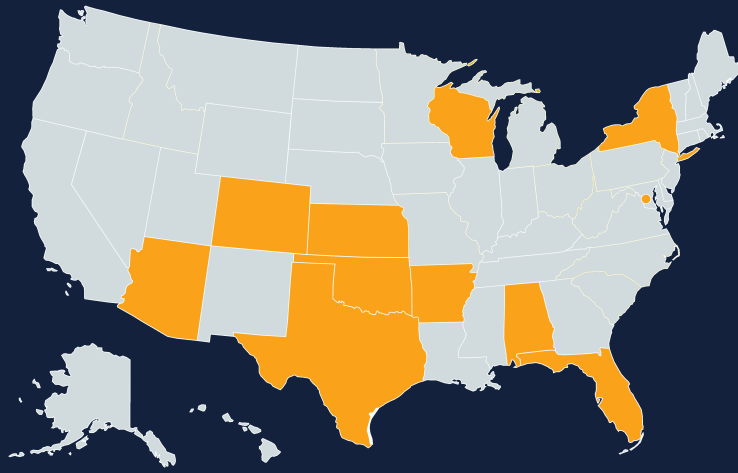
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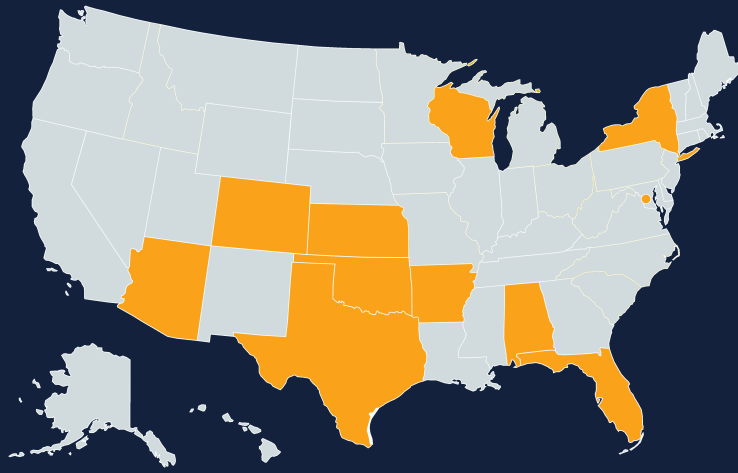
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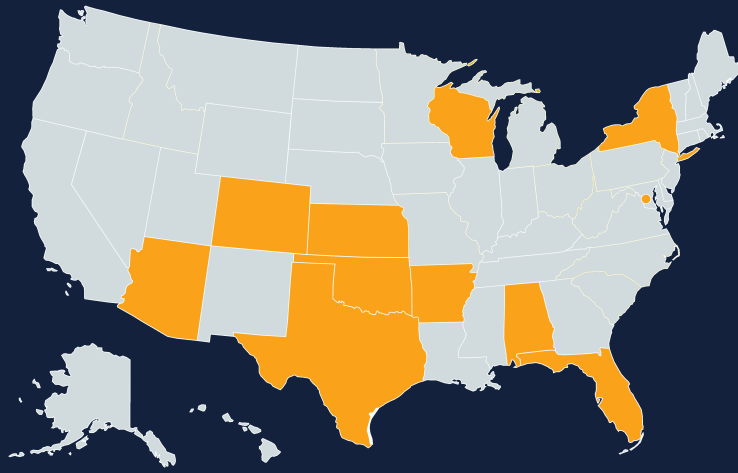
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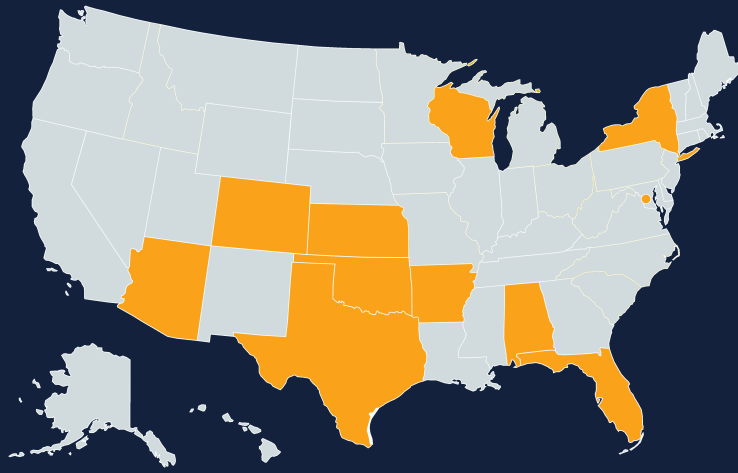
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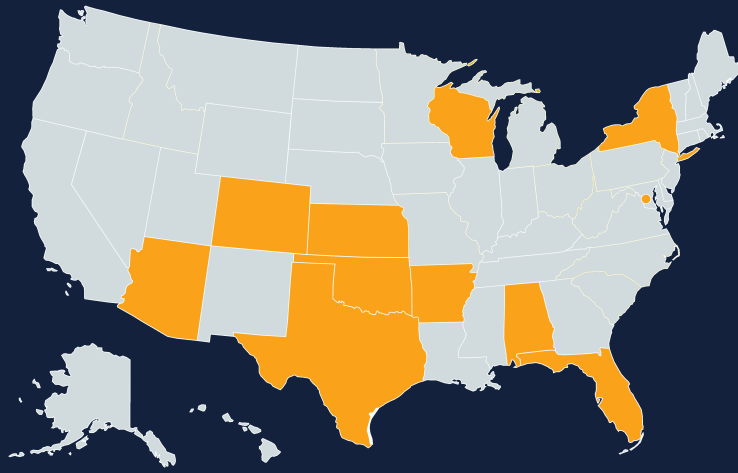
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As we close out July, back-to-school season is just around the corner for many states. SBAE is here to help our network partners, allies, and school board members **make the new school year the year of student achievement.**

First, I'm pleased to announce **two new monthly online events.**

The **First Tuesday Network Connect** is exclusively for SBAE state network partners while the **First Friday School Board Brunch Hour** is for achievement-focused school board members. The format is simple: **20-minute reform-based presentation followed by 20-minute Q&A on topics of your choice.** Personalized invitations go out monthly to our state network partners and the school board members they support. To learn more, email jordan@sbaenetwork.org.

Second, we're excited to share a new report on school board members from [Ballotpedia](#) authored in part by its CEO, Leslie Graves. The [Virtual School Board Listening Tour](#) conducted **Six Deep Dives into America's school boards** based on interviews with over 100 school board members. **To access and use the report, check out our extended feature below.**

At SBAE, we're seeing signs that the 2025-26 school year will be a historic year for school board-led academic improvement. We and our network partners are here to help school boards deliver on this promise.

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The school board members who were interviewed signed up for an interview after reading about [Ballotpedia's Virtual School Board Listening Tour](#) in [Ballotpedia's Hall Pass](#), a weekly e-newsletter for school board members across the country. Every school board member who registered was interviewed, and all interviews were incorporated into the final analysis.

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1. Conflict Styles
2. Role in Academic Outcomes
3. Responsibility for Academic Outcomes
4. Goals

- 5. Peer and Superintendent Relationships
- 6. Voter and Media Perceptions

You can access the full Report [here](#).

We encourage everyone to read this report to gain a clearer picture of the role and functioning of America's school board members, especially as it relates to academic outcomes.

For questions and media inquiries about the report, email caroline.presnell@ballotpedia.org.

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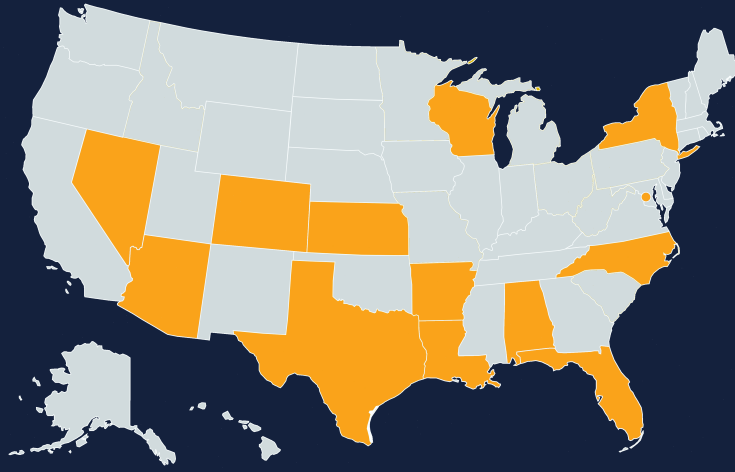
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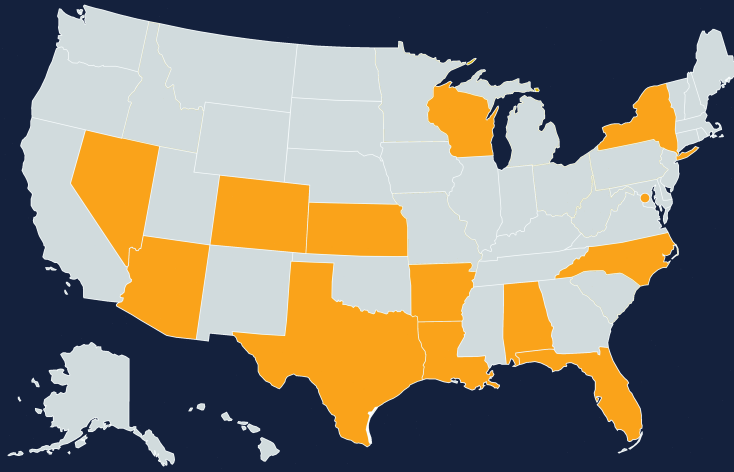
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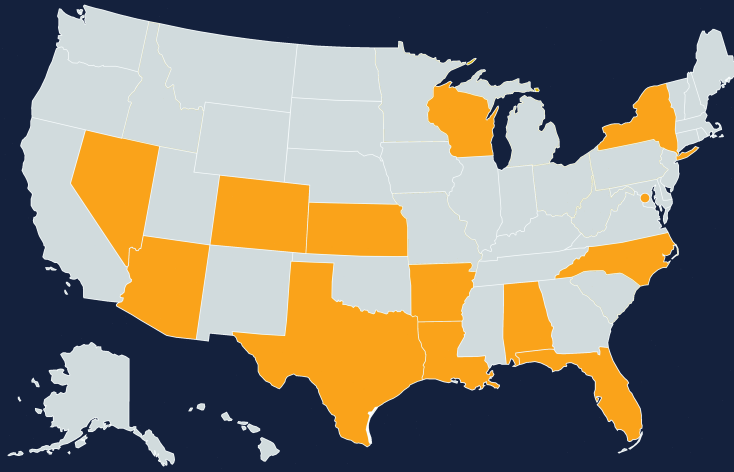
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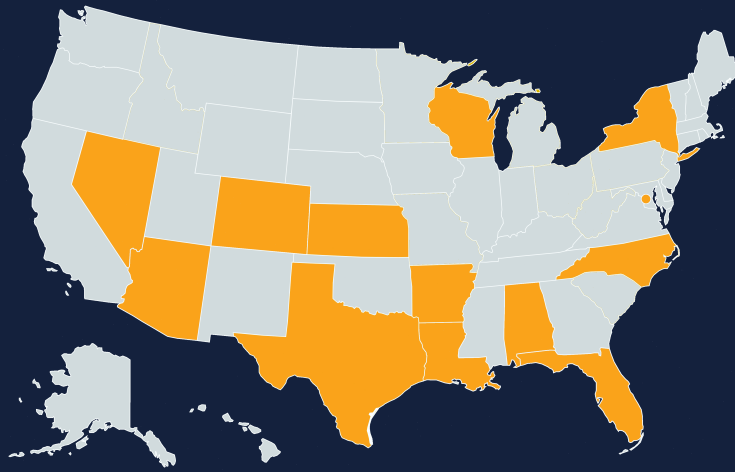
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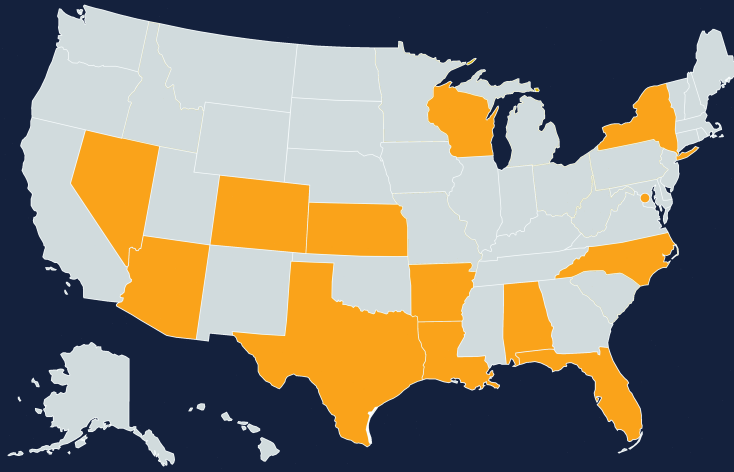
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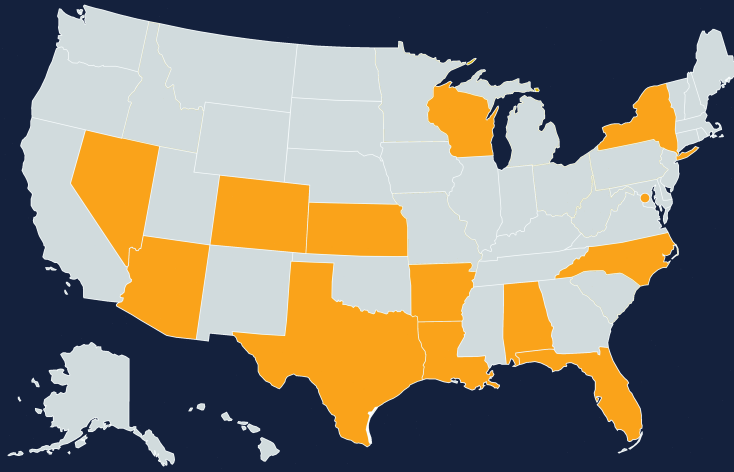
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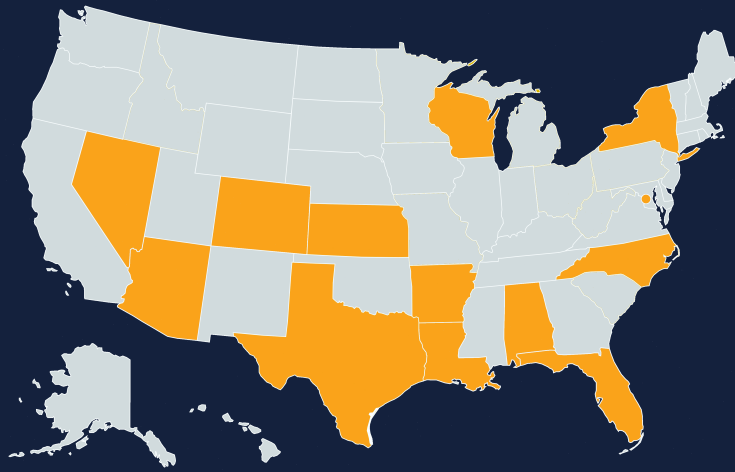
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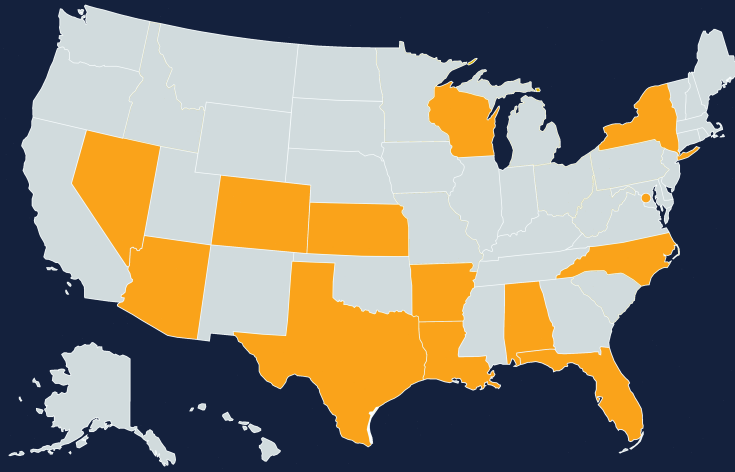
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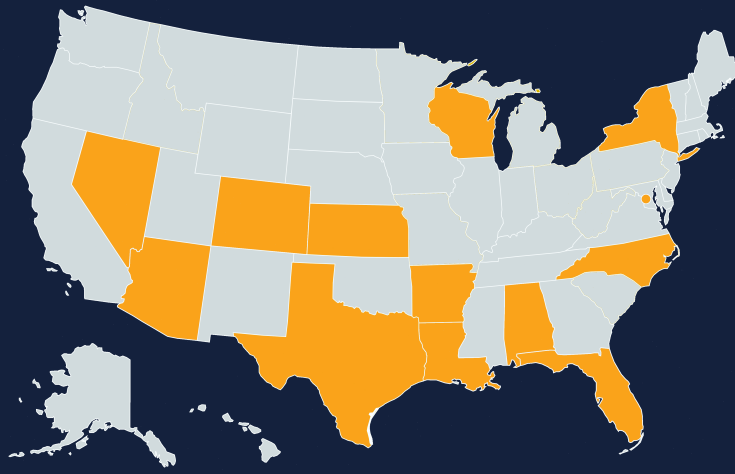
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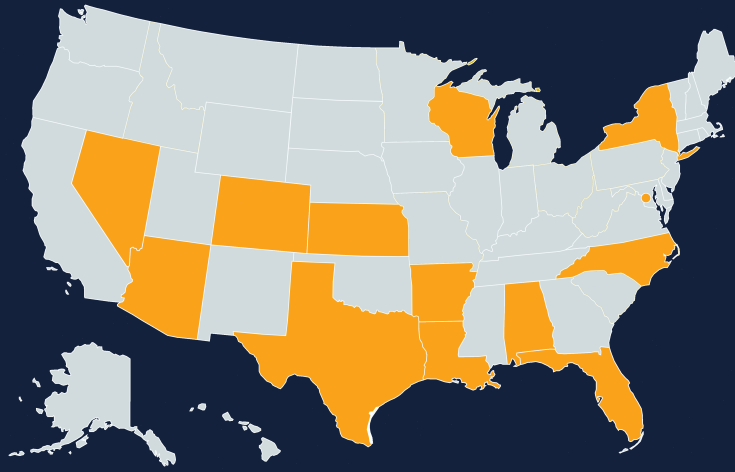
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Word-for-word, we think it's the single best digest for reform-minded school board members in America.

Thank you for reading and for your continued support.

Here's what you'll find in this issue...

Mari Barke, Orange County School Board Member and leader of SBAE's California network partner, [California Local Elected Officials \(CLEO\)](#), was just featured by the [Trump Administration's Department of Education Homeroom Blog](#), sharing her successes in improving academic outcomes as a school board member.

Teacher quality is the most important factor in student success. We've got a phenomenal recommendation to help your district ensure the best teachers are in each and every classroom.

We've also got the best pieces in the education reform landscape from the last two weeks, including **Weekend Reads** on...

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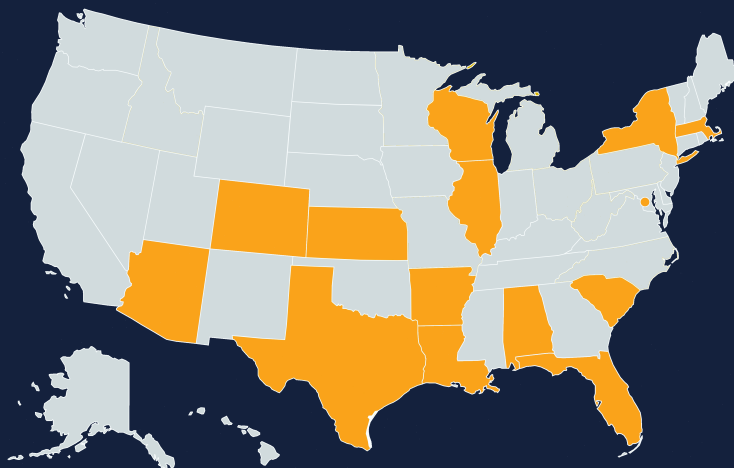
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Nothing determines student and district success more than the quality of your teachers.

Unfortunately, barriers to entry deter many highly qualified candidates from the teaching profession, while teacher colleges and programs fail to train prospective educators in even the fundamentals of good instruction, such as classroom management, the science of learning, and content knowledge. It's little wonder, then, that many students and teachers struggle under the current system.

Fortunately, there are solutions for ensuring your district has the best teachers in every classroom.

The [National Institute for Excellence in Teaching \(NIET\)](#) works with states and school districts to develop three things:

1. [Effective Teacher Evaluations](#)
2. [Teacher Merit Pay](#)
3. [In-District Teacher-to-Administrator Preparation](#)

NIET has [25 years of proven experience](#) raising teacher quality in districts across the nation. Their **evaluation rubrics** are used in multiple states, and their recommendations to pay teachers well **keeps the best teachers in the classroom**. NIET recognizes that the best candidates for administrator and superintendent roles are high-quality teachers from within the district. They help districts develop internal

“grow-your-own” talent pipelines to turn teachers into academics-focused administrators.

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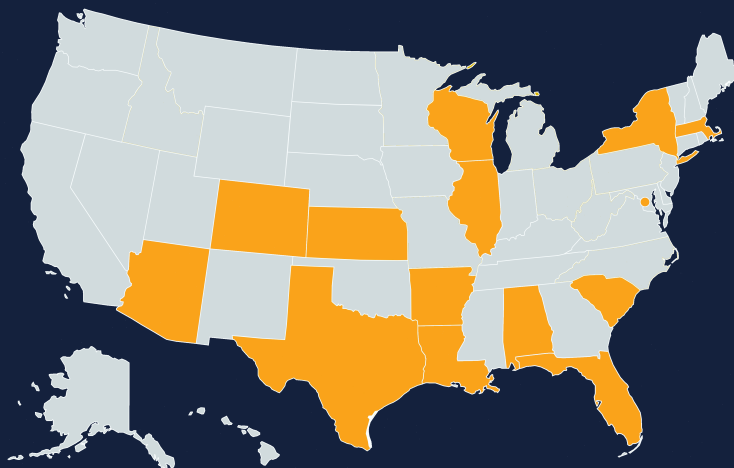
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Dear Kelli,

It's hard to believe, but this is our **50th Volume of the SBAE Newsletter!**

Word-for-word, we think it's the single best digest for reform-minded school board members in America.

Thank you for reading and for your continued support.

Here's what you'll find in this issue...

Mari Barke, Orange County School Board Member and leader of SBAE's California network partner, [California Local Elected Officials \(CLEO\)](#), was just featured by the [Trump Administration's Department of Education Homeroom Blog](#), sharing her successes in improving academic outcomes as a school board member.

Teacher quality is the most important factor in student success. We've got a phenomenal recommendation to help your district ensure the best teachers are in each and every classroom.

We've also got the best pieces in the education reform landscape from the last two weeks, including **Weekend Reads** on...

Disorderly & Chaotic Classrooms

The Discipline-Superintendent Link

Dark, Sad Curriculum?

Civic Ed Policies

Ed Professor Problem

Teachers vs. Chromebooks

Teaching Myths Live On

Chronic Absenteeism Won't End

No Idea Too Radical

Mass Tutoring Flames Out

Higher Expectations

Better Civics PD

ELL Reprieve

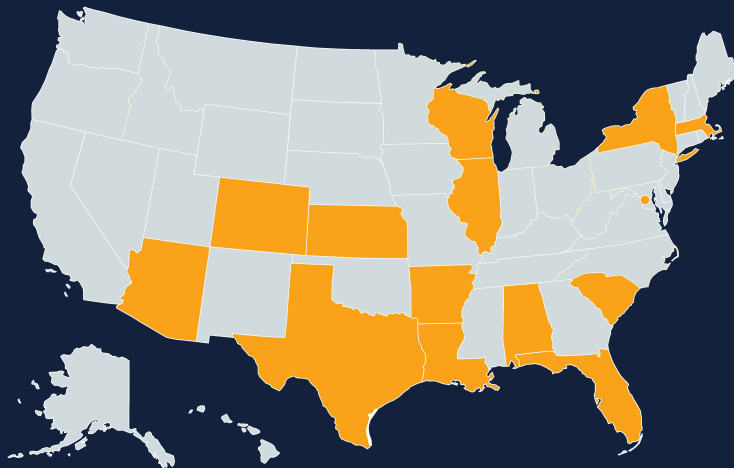
On the Ground with "Grading for Equity"

Lastly, our **Events Map** will help you find info on 26 new meetings and trainings in your state or online below.

Thank you for everything you do to make school boards the engine of Ed Reform in America.

David Hoyt

Executive Director





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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Levers of Change

Highlighting key levers for improving America's schools.

Nothing determines student and district success more than the quality of your teachers.

Unfortunately, barriers to entry deter many highly qualified candidates from the teaching profession, while teacher colleges and programs fail to train prospective educators in even the fundamentals of good instruction, such as classroom management, the science of learning, and content knowledge. It's little wonder, then, that many students and teachers struggle under the current system.

Fortunately, there are solutions for ensuring your district has the best teachers in every classroom.

The [National Institute for Excellence in Teaching \(NIET\)](#) works with states and school districts to develop three things:

1. [Effective Teacher Evaluations](#)
2. [Teacher Merit Pay](#)
3. [In-District Teacher-to-Administrator Preparation](#)

NIET has [25 years of proven experience](#) raising teacher quality in districts across the nation. Their **evaluation rubrics** are used in multiple states, and their recommendations to pay teachers well **keeps the best teachers in the classroom**. NIET recognizes that the best candidates for administrator and superintendent roles are high-quality teachers from within the district. They help districts develop internal

“grow-your-own” talent pipelines to turn teachers into academics-focused administrators.

If you’re a school board member who is focused on improving student outcomes, then teacher quality is a top priority. [Watch this short video](#) about NIET’s work, and connect with NIET today to find out how they can help you do just that.

Email [Vicky Condalary](#), and tell her SBAE sent you!

Have you identified a great resource for improving student outcomes? We’d love to spotlight it nationwide. Email cristine@sbaenetwork.org to share.



Weekend Reads & Listens

Is your district leadership aware of the latest analysis and resources for restoring academic excellence? Share and find out.

Featured articles and ideas do not necessarily reflect the opinions of SBAE.

Articles & Reports

[PBIS Sowing Destruction and Disorder in America’s Classrooms](#)

City Journal

[Want to Fix Student Discipline? It Starts With the Superintendent](#)

Fordham Institute

[Are America's Curricula Purposefully Trying to Make Kids Sad, Fearful, and Depressed?](#)

National Review

[4 Policy Steps for Civics Instruction](#)

Education Week

[New Study Reveals Alarming Ignorance Among Education Professors](#)

Research and Education

[Teachers Turn Against Chromebooks, For Good Reason](#)

Education Week

[Too Many Teachers Still Believe Too Many Teaching Myths](#)

Mind, Brain, and Education

[The New Normal: Chronic Absenteeism](#)

The Hechinger Report

[How to Turn Around a District: No Idea Too Radical](#)

The 74

[The Promise of Mass Tutoring Is Not Working](#)

The Hechinger Report

[What Students Are Capable of With Higher Expectations](#)

Education Next

[The Civics PD Every HS History & Government Teacher Should Receive](#)

Real Clear Investigations

[Trump Admin Stops Pressuring Schools to Teach Foreign Students English](#)

The Washington Post

[Report: Teachers Rise Up Against "Grading for Equity"](#)

Fordham Institute

School Board News

[The Center Square](#)

[The Lion](#)

[Ballotpedia](#)

[Homeroom](#) | [U.S. Department of Education](#)

For more reform ideas and analysis, follow SBAE:



Partner Events

Attend these reform-minded events yourself, or invite your district administrators and teachers to join events intended specifically for them.

School Boards: The Case Against “Leveled Reading”

September 8 @ 11:00 am ET

Online

American Enterprise Institute

School Boards: Candidate Breakthrough Session

September 8 @ 11:30 am ET

Online

Leadership Institute

School Boards: Empty Buildings and Empty Busses

September 9 @ 9:00 pm ET

Online
Arizona Coalition of School Board Members

[School Boards: Debate on Grading for Equity](#)

September 10 @ 12:00 pm ET

Online
Fordham Institute

[Teachers: Literacy Lesson Prep Training](#)

September 16-18 @ 12:00 pm ET

Online
Teach Like a Champion

[Teachers: Social Studies Symposium](#)

September 20
Menomonie, Wisconsin
Jack Miller Center

[School Boards: Candidate Breakthrough Session](#)

September 22 @ 11:30 am ET

Online
Leadership Institute

[Teachers: Success Sequence Educator Workshop](#)

September 23 & 25
Riverwoods, Illinois & Tinley Park, Illinois
Success Sequence

[School Boards: Robert's Rules of Order 101](#)

September 24 @ 7:00 pm ET

Online
Leadership Institute

[Teachers: The Art of Teaching Mathematics](#)

September 26
Tucson, Arizona
Hillsdale College K-12 Education

[Teachers: Foundational Literacy Workshop](#)

September 26
New York, New York
Teach Like a Champion

[Teachers: Social Studies Summit](#)

September 26-27
Orlando, Florida
Lou Frey Institute & Jack Miller Center

School Boards: Learn Right, Lead Right Summit

September 27
Parker, Colorado
Leadership Institute

School Boards: Member Drop-In

October 1 @ 12:00 pm ET
Online
Leadership Institute

Teachers: Civic Education Summit

October 4
Wausau, Wisconsin
Jack Miller Center

School Boards: Special Education Training

October 8-10
Phoenix, Arizona
Herzog Foundation

Teachers: The Art of Teaching Literature

October 10
Hillsdale College K-12 Education
Birmingham, Alabama

School Boards: Kansas School Board Summit

October 16
Salina, Kansas
Kansas School Board Resource Center

School Boards: The Reading Reconsidered Curriculum

October 20-24 @ 12:00 pm ET
Online
Teach Like a Champion

School Boards: Annual Fall Conference

October 21
Little Rock, Arkansas
The Arkansas Public School Resource Center

School Boards: Igniting School Reform

November 6 @ 5:30 pm ET
Charleston, South Carolina
Carolinas Academic Leadership Network

School Boards: The Science of Learning

November 14-16
Boston, Massachusetts & Online

Learning and the Brain

[School Boards: National Summit on Education](#)

November 17-19

New Orleans, Louisiana

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